

Cable Dispatch to The Evening Star.
BOX, Jan. 2.—With reference to the
 e to assist \$0,000 Russian Hebrews to
 in the United States, a committee to
 which end has been formed in Ham-
 a specially competent authority who is
 ested in the welfare of the Russian Hebrews
 yesterday:

prospect of emigration to America does seem likely to be attended with success, at least as regards the great majority of emigrating. America only offers another of gaining a livelihood to an essentially agricultural population, such as the Jews would be. Merchants, bankers and lawyers do it in the far west. How long it would take to transport them into the west and how would they live in the mean time?

It appears to me that it would be able to try colonization in Asia, Palestine, especially Mesopotamia, where land is not cost any more than in America and be obtained for less. The Hebrews there find an agricultural population would admit them without difficulty."

THE SOUTH CHICAGO ROBBERY.

Erstone Confesses—He Details the Plan of the Crime.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Chas. E. Mullen and Harry Erstone, the South Chicago bank robbers, made a full confession to Inspector Hunt. "Erstherstone," said Inspector Hunt, "de-

the planning and execution of the South
to job and gave Mullen the responsibility
gesting it. His story tallies perfectly
Bennett's and Corbett's. Featherstone
mits being concerned in the Allerton
ng house robbery three weeks ago.
Mullen confesses," continued Inspector
"that he conceived the plan of the rob-
and imparted his scheme to Featherstone

the man named Hickey. They spent the night at Mullen's house and made arrangements to rob the bank Saturday. Just on the eve of the robbery Hickey weakened and refused to go through with the job. Mullen and Featherstone were angry at this action of Hickey's, but did not abandon the idea. On the next day, Hickey, Featherstone hit on a substitute, his brother-in-law, and proceeded to carry out the robbery for which he did time.

years ago. That was Frank Bennett. Featherstone went to Bennett's house and laid the scheme to him. Bennett suggested it, and they got him to join the party. Three then drove back to Mullen's house completed the arrangements, which they did out on the following day. Mullen's agent is corroborated by Featherstone and Miss Bennett and Corbett in their plot. They entered into the robbery at Boston.

PANIC AT A SCHOOL FETE.
Horrible Scenes Caused by Children's Dresses
Catching Fire.

DOX, Jan. 2.—Further particulars received from Wortley, near Leeds, show that the terrible scenes witnessed at the school fete were

school fete referred to was a charity held under the auspices of the parish of St. Mary. The building used for the fete was the school adjoining the Wortley Church. One of the program of the bazaar's attractions consisted of a Chinese fair.

series of tableaux vivants in which a
er of the young girls and boys of the
took part. For this display a small stage
ected in the school room and to the right
stage and opening upon it was a room
as a dressing room or green room by
children. Inside this dressing room, just
the disaster, a crowd of joyous chil-
were gathered, all the girls of the party
in light gauze attire and many of them

ed in addition with cotton, used to reproduce. In addition several of the children d, dangling on sticks about their heads, d Chinese lanterns.

CHILDREN'S COSTUMES ON FIRE.

tableaux vivant, then preparing, was ind to symbolize the winter frolics of the amers' in days gone by. Suddenly a s of terror issued from the little room.

It was horror-stricken to see a number of men rush upon the stage with their swords on fire. The gentlemen promptly seized the burning children, threw them upon the stage and smothered the flames. The present there are four deaths caused as the result of the disaster and several injured children are not expected to recover.

Investigation into the cause of the disaster that while the children were gathered in dressing room preparatory to making their entrance on the stage one of the little girls was playing with a lighted lamp accidentally set fire to her clothes. She uttered a cry of terror, tried to extinguish the flames with her hands and rushed toward the door leading to the stage. Her cry and the sight of the flames caused a panic among the other

en, who also made a rush for the door
ned. The result was that a crowd of
en were crushed around the child whose
s were already in flames and thereby
d the clothing of twenty or thirty other
en.

STOCKS DULL AND FIRM.

Market Improves on the Opening Prices

YORK, Jan. 2.—The stock market this morning gave no indications of the proximity of a January boom, but, on the contrary, the first prices were almost all lower, the losses from Wednesday's final session extended to $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. These losses were followed by further declines

the active stocks, although the loss done was quite limited and outside of usual half dozen stocks little animation so feature were shown. Louisville and Erie was again the leader of the downward movement, and after opening $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent at 72 $\frac{1}{2}$ it retired at $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent further, making a net loss Wednesday's price of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Others, among which Lackawanna was most

ne, lost fractional amounts. Wheeling
like Erie preferred was the one notable
to the rule and it opened up $\frac{3}{8}$ and
lost $\frac{1}{8}$ to $1\frac{1}{8}$ %. The list developed a
tone, but there was no material im-
ment in prices and at 11 o'clock the mar-
very dull and barely steady at a shade
than the lowest prices.

ne and strength and everything traded lifted above the level of the opening while the coal stocks and some of the rice shares showed marked strength and advances. Lackawanna led, as usual of among the active stocks and rose to 153, of 1½ from its first price, while are had been advanced from 139½ to 132. see coal gained 2%, Rio Grande Western a preferred 1½, and Mexican Cen-

the rumors in regard to the absorption of the former up fractionally on a very unbusinesslike basis. The top figures were not maintained toward the end of the hour, but at noon the market was dull and firm at fractional gains on opening prices.

There were only two sales of silver today—*g.* 104½, and last sale, 104¾.

Western Railway Official Deposed.
LAKE CITY, UTAH, JAN. 2.—This city was
shaken yesterday by the news made public
that F. Resseguie, general manager of the
main division of the Union Pacific, is de-
posed and W. H. Bancroft, late superintendent
Rio Grande Western, put in his place.
The change goes into effect January 15.

A Finish Fight Arranged.
CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 2.—Articles of agreement for a finish fight have been signed by George Dixon of Chicago and "Sparrow" Lewis of New York. The fight is to be with skin gloves, under the new rules, and will take place near this side two weeks. Both men have gone to New York. The fight is to be for \$400 a side.

Thousands of Cattle in Peril.
OKLA., Jan. 2.—There are over 100,000 head of
 belonging to the Cherokee Live Stock As-
 sociation in southwestern counties, moved there
 the strip. They are preparing for a mild
 only and owners pay only a few cents

Murdered for Being Behind Time.
 ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 2.—A special received at this morning from Hazlehurst in relation to the finding of a dead and a dying man in the

J.J. Lewis states that Ashley shot and Pace and then, in remorse, committed suicide. They were fast friends. Pace had to meet Ashley early in the evening to him to a party which both were to attend. Late and Ashley was angry at his death. A quarrel ended in the double tragedy.

